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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide
~~having~~ consisting of the following sequence of amino acids

Ser-Met-Arg-Glu-Arg

(SEQ ID NO:4)

and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, filler or excipient.

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide
~~having~~ consisting of the following sequence of amino acids

Arg-Glu-Arg

(SEQ ID NO:9)

and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, filler or excipient.

11. (canceled).

12. (withdrawn) A method of treatment of a neurodegenerative disease in an animal,
comprising:

identifying an animal suffering or potentially suffering from a neurodegenerative disease;

and

administering to the animal an amount of a compound according to claim 1 effective to
treat the neurodegenerative disease.